

Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund Evaluation of a Proposal for the Development of a Tangible Structure, Facility or Educational Program

Project Number: 0607-07

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Title: 2008 Youth Developmental “Hooked on Fishing” Adventure (Year 1)

The Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund is to be used solely for the purpose of conserving and enhancing finfish taken by recreational anglers, enforcing laws and regulations related to natural resource conservation, improving recreational fishing opportunities, administering the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament program, obtaining necessary data and conducting research for fisheries management, and creating or restoring habitat for species taken by recreational fishermen.

Code of Virginia, Section 28.2-302.3

A. Project Purpose

1. Does the project meet statutory guidelines for funding?

This project will provide access to a meaningful fishing experience for children, as well as some information on boating safety. The children will enjoy a chartered fishing trip, receive a fishing rod and reel, and be provided with awards, snacks and lunch.

2. Does the project fulfill a real need and/or provide a substantial benefit to the saltwater recreational fishery?

The project will benefit the saltwater recreational fishery as these young anglers are introduced to the sport. Programs that involve children in fishing activities ultimately benefit the recreational fishery and the recreational fishing industry.

3. Does the project provide its main, or substantial, benefits to the saltwater recreational angler?

Yes, these young anglers will be exposed to a saltwater recreational fishing experience, under the guidance of licensed, experienced captains.

B. Project Analysis

1. What are the project's strengths?

Because the number of children for each fishing trip is relatively low, the opportunity for a meaningful

2. What are the project's weaknesses?

C. Project Budget

- 1) The RFAB funding request (\$6,780) works out to approximately \$80 per child for a one-day event. Considering this is a chartered fishing trip plus each child is scheduled to receive a fishing rod and reel, other awards plus snacks and lunch, the cost seems reasonable.
- 2) The number of children benefiting is relatively low compared to similar projects of like structure and goals.
- 3) The four areas listed by the project manager are all significant contributors to the saltwater license fund through the purchase of saltwater fishing licenses.

- D. Provide an overall evaluation of the project, including a numerical ranking of the project on the "SCORE" scale provided.**

SCORE (Circle One) **Poor** 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Fair** **Excellent**